

CHAPTER NO. 879**HOUSE BILL NO. 2532**

By Representatives Pinion, McDonald, DuBois, McMillan, Odom, Phillip Johnson, Shepard, Buck, Tidwell, Maddox, Hawk

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2917

By Senators Norris, Tracy, Burks, Finney

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 7, relative to the criminal investigation division within the Tennessee highway patrol.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 7, is amended by adding the following language as a new part:

Section 4-7-401. There is hereby created the criminal investigation division within the Tennessee highway patrol.

Section 4-7-402.

(a) The mission of the criminal investigation division, hereinafter referred to as "CID", shall be to investigate, gather evidence and assist federal, state and local law enforcement in the prosecution of criminal offenses enumerated in §4-7-404(3).

(b) The CID shall have original jurisdiction to enforce title 55, chapter 5, relative to automobile anti-theft, odometer and fraud prevention, as well as all criminal matters initiated by the highway patrol or other divisions of the department of safety including, but not limited to, the investigation of vehicular homicides, vehicular assaults and traffic crashes involving death or serious bodily injury.

Section 4-7-403. The CID shall be staffed in an appropriate and professional manner to carry out its duties and functions. Such staffing shall be in the discretion of the commissioner of safety.

Section 4-7-404. Members of the criminal investigation division of the highway patrol shall have the authority to:

(1) Provide investigative and technical support to the highway patrol in all criminal matters initiated by their actions;

(2) Provide investigative and technical support to the driver license division of the department of safety;

(3) Conduct overt and covert criminal investigations relating to:

- (A) Motor vehicle and motorized vehicle theft;
- (B) Stolen motor vehicles and motorized vehicle parts;
- (C) Stolen boats, airplanes and parts there from;
- (D) Title 55, chapter 5;
- (E) Identify theft laws;
- (F) Odometer fraud;
- (G) Vehicular homicides;
- (H) Vehicular assault; and
- (I) Insurance fraud related to motor vehicles; and

(4) Provide technical and investigative support to the internal affairs division of the department of safety.

Section 4-7-405. The criminal investigation division may also assist the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation in any other criminal investigations not specified in §4-7-404 upon written request by the director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and approval of the Commissioner of Safety.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 25, 2006


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 15th day of June 2006


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR